MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The registry proceedings are under various stages of action.

(*c*) & (*d*) In view of the answer to (*b*) these questions do not arise.

(*e*) 8 cases have in all been filed in this connection. In 3 cases the registry has been sanctioned and tharavila notices have been issued. 4 cases are pending with the Division Peishkar for orders and the remaining case with the P. W. D.

(*f*) The work was completed in 1106 but the lands were formally handed over only in 1110.

Casuarina plantation.

224. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the casuarina plantation at Veli has been cut down for the use of the Development Department:

(*b*) to what use the Development Department put it;

(*c*) if they have not put it to any use, what is the fate of that timber now; and

(*d*) the expenses and losses incurred both by the Forest Department and the Development Department in cutting them down, sawing them to small pieces and in getting them ascued?

DR. S. K. PILLAI (*Technical Assistant in charge of the duties of the Director of Development*): (*a*) Yes, a part of the plantation has been cut for the use of the Development Department.

(*b*) A small portion was converted to road paving blocks and the balance to fence posts.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) The expenditure incurred by the Forest and Development Departments for cutting down the posts, etc. including their ascu treatment is R. 7,600. No loss has been incurred so far.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know the number of acres cleared?

DR S. K. PILLAI: I claim notice.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the total number of acres of this plantation in the locality?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I may answer the question?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Sir, the entire plantation has not been cut down. Only a few trees here and there were cut down for the use of the Development Department.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know whether there is any gain?

DR. S. K. PILLAI: That is yet to be ascertained.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*). How many paving blocks were made?

DR. S K. PILLAI: A few only.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Were they used for any purpose?

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DR. S. K. PILLAI: No.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): May I know whether any portion was sold?

DR. S. K. PILLAI: No. They are in the custody of the Department.

PRESIDENT: Honourable member will raise his voice.

Kannammula Bridge in the Trivandrum Town.

225. ✻**MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government the present unsafe condition of the Kannammula bridge in the Trivandrum town;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on it: and

(*c*) how long it is since heavy load traffic was prohibited from that bridge?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes. But the bridge is not unsafe although it is necessary to prevent heavy load traffic.

(*b*) Heavy load traffic has been prohibited and necessary repairs to the bridge have been done.

(*c*) 12 years.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, with reference to part (a) of the answer, may I know what the honourable member means by saying that "the bridge is not unsafe although it is necessary to prevent heavy load traffic"?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Sir, the bridge can allow safe passage for all light traffic. I meant that heavy lorries cannot pass over it.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, may I know whether it is not an important bridge inside the municipal limits of Trivandrum town?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Yes. All the ordinary traffic through that road goes over this bridge and no difficulty is experienced till now; only exceptionally heavy loads are not allowed passage over it.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know wheth the question of reconstruction of the bridge has been taken up by the Department?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: On account of several other important bridges engaging the attention of the Government, it was not possible to consider the construction of this bridge.

Visit of the Professor of Geology, Presidency College, Madras.

226. ✻**MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. C. K. Krishnaswami Pillai, Professor of Geology, Presidency College, Madras, toured in Travancore at Government expense during the year 1115;

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